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for the purpose of furthering military aims and conquests, but used commercially in time of peace; and commercial railways, used only incidentally in time of war. The history of these various types in their relation to actual warfare and to preparations for war is given for each of the important nations of Europe and for the United States, and the building and purposes of the strategic railways in Africa, Asia Minor, and elsewhere, is accorded extended treatment. Of especial interest are the chapters on Railway Ambulance Transport, Strategic Railways, and the development of special Railway Troops.

The work is well documented, and in treating of any country, the author, wherever possible, uses the works of native writers and the reports of the government in question to support his observations and conclusions. An excellent bibliography is appended.

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